

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
JULY 13, 2010**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Board member Thomas Schmidt	Present
Board member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present

Also present were Police Chief Douglas Tarvin, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, Building Commissioner David Seger, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schmitt invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 22, 2010. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE STATION DAMAGE REPAIR QUOTES

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang gave a brief description of the repairs that need to be done to the Brames Road Fire Station that was damaged. He said three requests for sealed quotes were sent but only two were received.

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein opened and read the following quotes to repair the damage to the fire station after the accident:

Streicher Construction	\$31,868.00 non collusion affidavit
Jasper Lumber	\$44,895.00 non collusion affidavit

Mayor Schmitt suggested taking the quotes under advisement and let the city engineer and the fire chief review the quotes and match it to the damage to the work covered.

A **motion** was made by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to have the pertinent people look at the quotes so all areas are covered and if it meets all requirements then go with the low quote. Motion carried 3-0.

HOLY FAMILY 5K RUN/WALK

Michelle O'Connor and Kathy Sternberg representing Holy Family 8th grade asked permission to have a 5K run/walk fundraiser for the class of 2011 to go to Washington, D.C. The run/walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 4, 2010 with registration at 7:00 a.m. and the race beginning at 8:00 a.m. O'Connor said the route begins at 3rd and Mill, goes north on Mill to 15th Street, east on 15th to the riverwalk, and south on the riverwalk to the plaza area. City Attorney Hemmerlein furnished them with the guidelines to follow.

Mayor Schmitt said Mill Street is a busy northbound street and he is concerned about the participants gathering at Adventures. He suggested having the staging area at 4th Street.

A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the 5K run/walk for the 8th grade students at Holy Family on September 4, 2010 with registration at 7:00 a.m. and the run/walk beginning at 8:00 a.m. on provision they do the staging area on 4th Street. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET CLOSING

Jeremy Damon, representing Game Knight at 802 Main Street, asked permission to close one half block of Main Street, north of 8th Street in front of his business on July 31, 2010 for a concert and a cookout.

Mayor Schmitt said he has a problem with closing Main Street since it carries a lot of traffic. Schmitt asked Damon if he would consider having the event on 8th Street between Jackson Street and Main Street. Damon said that area would be okay as long as it is adjacent to his business. Damon also agreed not to have music beyond 10:00 p.m. There was some discussion about food and drinks at the event. Damon said he plans to give away drinks and sell the food. City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein said selling food on City property may require a certificate of insurance. Hemmerlein then gave Damon the guidelines to follow when using City property.

A motion was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the closing of 8th Street between Jackson Street and Main Street on July 31, 2010, from 4:00 p. m. to 10:00 p.m. for promotion of Game Knight at 802 Main Street. Motion carried 3-0.

PERSONNEL/SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORTS

Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider reported on the following:

Strassenfest insurance. Schneider said, for the Strassenfest all certificates of insurance have been met and are on file.

EVOC Training. Evoc training is underway at the Jasper Middle School today, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Ruxer Golf Course. The police caught the persons that vandalized Ruxer Golf Course. There is a possibility criminal mischief charges will be filed.

TRAP training. Schneider said last year the City's Safety Committee developed a Trench Recovery Assistance Program [TRAP] to provide assistance to the Jasper Fire Department by delivering trenching and shoring equipment to the location of the trench entrapment rescue site. The firefighters and trap team did training at the street department yesterday and the program went well.

AUGUST MACK PROPOSAL

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle presented a proposal from August Mack to do a preliminary assessment of our obligations when the solid fill is full. August Mack is the consulting firm that is assisting us with the landfill post closure. The fee to complete this scope of work is on a time and material basis with a not to exceed cost of \$2,500.00. Eckerle asked permission to proceed. Eckerle also said they can do an environmental site assessment for an additional \$2,200.00.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to enter into an agreement with August Mack to do the necessary work for a not to exceed cost of \$2,500.00 and if needed an additional \$2,200.00 for an environmental assessment. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Micro surfacing. Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle said the micro surfacing test areas done by two companies are finished. Now we wait to see if it will do what we want it to do.

Weeds. Eckerle said they are trying to control the weeds in the curbs and sidewalks but he is asking homeowners and the public to help clean up their area.

Phase II paving. Eckerle said Phase II of the paving schedule started today. He then named the streets that are being done.

Complaints. Eckerle said he received an unsigned complaint about the stop bars being too thick near the crossing by the IGA. This is State highway and not the City's responsibility. The City uses melt down sheets.

The City is also receiving numerous complaints about the timing of the traffic control signals at the bottom of the "Y". Eckerle said INDOT is trying to tweak them.

Asphalt. Eckerle said he received an asphalt price decrease notice from J.H.Rudolph and from Tri-County Paving.

4TH STREET PROJECT CHANGE ORDER

City Engineer Chad Hurm said he, the contractor, and the engineer for the 4th Street project went over the final project changes which included some adds and some deducts. Hurm asked the Board to approve the final change order, Change Order #2, for an additional \$2,691.20.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve Change Order #2 for a net add of \$2,691.20. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the locations that have been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal/notice. The names and locations are as follows:

Owners	Location
ERAM Properties,	PT NW SE 34-1-5 .52A
	PT NW SE 34-1-5-3 .96A
	Truman Road new Clinic
Bill Keena	Gutzweiler 1 st Add Pt Lot 82
Jasper In Con.Of Jehovahs	Replat of Paradise Place Lot 4
Ken Murphy	2955 Bittersweet Dr.
Lindsey and Arlene Ford	3184 Bittersweet Dr.
Kam Chuen Cheng	1516 Jackson St.
Hook SuperX, Inc	At the “Y”

QUOTES FOR HEAT PUMP AT FIRE STATION #2

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang presented the following quotes to replace the heat pump at the fire station on Brames Road:

Mehringer Plumbing and Heating	\$6,150.00	all material and labor
Schmidt Contracting Inc	\$5,850.00	excludes sales tax
Messmer Mechanical	\$4,800.00	material, tax and labor

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose ‘Butch’ Schitter to approve the low quote of \$4,800.00 from Messmer Mechanical to replace the existing heat pump at Holy Family fire station. Motion carried 3-0.

Under discussion Clerk-Treasurer Boehm noted that Messmer Mechanical’s quote says it includes tax. Mayor Schmitt asked Hochgesang to contact Roger Messmer for a detailed account of their quoted price.

DCSAC GRANT RECEIVED

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin acknowledged that \$3,650.00 has been received from the Dubois County Substance Abuse Council of which \$2,850.00 will be used to purchase an in-car camera system and \$800.00 to purchase a taser. Tarvin said he appreciates their support of the police department.

OPERATION PULL OVER GRANT

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin asked permission to apply for a \$4,100.00 grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for Operation Pull Over for 2011.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request to seek grant funding from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for Operation Pull Over. Motion carried 3-0.

TACTICAL VESTS

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin said the tactical vests for the four Jasper officers that are members of the Dubois County Emergency Response Tactical Team are outdated. Funds from the pre-trial diversion program that previously partially funded such vests are no longer available for this purpose.

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin presented the following quotes for tactical vests:

Steven R. Jenkins Co.	\$1,747.99 each	Point Blank, Spider, Hi-Lite
Steven R. Jenkins Co.	\$1,557.46 each	NatoRthdoc 3A body armor
First Choice	\$1,150.00 each	Armor first response

Tarvin asked permission to purchase four tactical vests and recommended accepting the low quote from First Choice for \$1,150.00 each.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the request of the police chief to purchase up to four vests for the tactical team members that are from the Jasper Police Department from First Choice for \$1,150.00 each. Motion carried 3-0.

COPY MACHINE

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin asked permission to buy a copy machine for the police department. The estimated cost is 5-6 thousand dollars. The current copier would not be traded in because it will be used to replace an old desk top.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to allow the police chief to seek quotes and bring back at a future meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

INTERN

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin reported that Eric Hopkins has completed his internship with the police department.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin asked permission to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Orlando, Florida from October 23 to October 27, 2010. Rather than flying, Tarvin said he would drive a police car and would pay for the fuel and food costs himself. The registration fee is \$275.00 and hotel will be about \$1,000.00 to \$1,100.00.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to allow and approve the request to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference with the City paying for the registration and lodging expenses and provide a city vehicle. Motion carried 3-0.

SPIRIT OF JASPER TRAIN SPECIAL EVENTS

Mayor Schmitt said three special Spirit of Jasper train excursions have been added for the Strassenfest on Saturday, August 7, 2010. The rides are scheduled for noon, 1:30 p.m. and again at 3:00 p.m. IRM will charge the City \$500.00 for the first two hours with an additional amount for a total of about \$700.00.

Schmitt recommended setting the fee for those three rides at \$10.00 per ticket.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to set a special price for August 7, 2010 for special train rides at \$10.00.

Mayor Schmitt said ROJAC wants to use the Spirit of Jasper train for a fundraiser called Spirit Night in order to reduce their debt from building the train depot. Schmitt said ROJAC has given the City the depot and should be charged a reduced price for the use of the train.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter that ROJAC is only charged a fee to use the train which is whatever IRM charges the City for that night. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS. The claims against the City from June 3, 2010 to July 8, 2010 were presented to and examined by the board. Those claims found to be just, due and owing were approved 3-0 upon **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board a **motion** was made by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Mayor Schmitt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 27th day of July, 2010.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer
Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary